Export Cargo at Trivandrum International Airport

918. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Airports Authority of India has initiated steps to set up a centre for perishable Export Cargo at Trivandrum International Airport; and

(b) if not, whether Government would consider such a proposal?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) At Trivandrum International Airport, cargo operations are being undertaken by Kerala State Industrial Enterprises Ltd. (KSIE), an undertaking of State Government of Kerala. M/s Agricultural and processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has established a Centre for Perishable Cargo in the KSIE Cargo Terminal in an area of 1000 sqm., with a capital investment of Rs. 267.18 lakhs. This facility was commissioned on 16th December, 2000 and is maintained and operated by KSIE.

(b) Does not arise.

Domestic Air Transport Services

919. SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of domestic Air Transport Services started so far after the policy on domestic air transport services was approved by Government in 1997;

(b) the domestic air transport services which are functioning;

(c) what are the routes on which each service is operating; and

(d) what is the fleet strength of each service?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) Since 1997, 18 scheduled/non-